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Remarks

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 6-9 and 11-21 are pending in the application. Claims 3 and 13-18 have been rejected. Claims 8, 9, and 19 have been amended and claims 3 and 13-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 22-24 have been added. Support for new claims 22-24 can be found in the originally filed claims and the specification, e.g., pages 9 and 15. The specification has also been amended on page 13, third paragraph, to correct a minor typographic error. No new matter has been added.

At the outset, Applicants would like to acknowledge that claims 1, 6-9, 11, 12 and 19-21 have been allowed and which allowance is appreciated.

Claims 3 and 13-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barri et al. In response, to facilitate prosecution, claims 3 and 13-18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

A good faith effort has been made to place the present application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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